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EXCISE POST—MUTTICHOOR—ESTABLISHMENT OF

203. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മുറിച്ചൂർ എക്സൈസ്സ് പോസ്റ്റ് സ്ഥാപിച്ചതു എന്നാണു്;

(ബി) ആ പോസ്റ്റ് സ്ഥാപിച്ചതിനുശേഷം എക്സൈസ്സ് കമ്മീഷണർ അവർകും, സക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ അവർകും ഇവർ ഓരോരുത്തർ ആ പോസ്റ്റ് എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും സന്ദർശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇവർ ഓരോരുത്തരും പ്രസ്തുത പോസ്റ്റ് സന്ദർശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കൊല്ലം, മാസം, തിയ്യതികളും പറയാമോ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(എ) ൧൯൫൫ മിഥുനം ൧-൦൯ മുതൽ.

(ബി) ഉണ്ടു്.

(സി) കമ്മീഷണർ— ൧൯൫൫ കർക്കടകം ൧൯-൦൯, ൧൯൫൬ കന്നി ൧൫-൦൯, and ൧൯൫൬ മീനം ൨൫-൦൯.

ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ— ൧൯൫൫ വൃശ്ചികം ൨൪-൦൯, ൧൯൫൫ ധനു ൭-൦൯, and ൧൯൫൬ ചിങ്ങം ൩൦-൦൯.

UNLICENSED TREES—TAPPING OF—URAKAM RANGE

204. Mr. K. S. Panciker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഊരകം റെയിഞ്ചിൽ മുദ്രവെക്കാത്ത തെങ്ങുകൾ ചെത്തുന്നതായി കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു മാട്ടം ഇറക്കിച്ചതു് ഏതുതെങ്ങിൽ നിന്നാണു്;

(ബി) ആ കെസ്സു ചാർജ്ജുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ആ വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കു വൃക്ഷനികുതി (tree tax) അടച്ചിരുന്നതാണോ;

(ഡി) പ്രസ്തുതതെങ്ങുകൾചെത്തിച്ചുകൊള്ളുവാൻ വീണ്ടും കല്പന കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ലേ;

(ഇ) കൊടുത്തുവെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ളകാരണമെന്തു്;

(എഫ്) പ്രസ്തുത തെങ്ങുകൾ ഇപ്പോഴും ചെത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ജി) ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തു്;

(എച്ച്) പ്രസ്തുത തെങ്ങുകൾ ഏതു ഷാപ്പിലേക്കാണു് ചെത്തിച്ചിരുന്നതെന്നും തൻമൂലം ആ ഷാപ്പുടമസ്ഥനു് എത്ര ഉറപ്പികഉദ്ദേശം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കണമെന്നും പറയാമോ;

(ഐ) ചെത്തു തെങ്ങിനു വൃക്ഷനികുതി (tree tax) അടച്ചു എത്രനാൾ കഴിയണം വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കു മുദ്രവെക്കുവാൻ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(എ) കാലഘട്ടമൊ മറ്റൊ വിശദമാവാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു് ഉത്തരം പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

(ബി) മുതൽ (എച്ചു്) വരെ—മേൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ച കാരണത്താൽ മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല.

(ഐ) ചെത്തു വൃക്ഷങ്ങൾ മുദ്രവെക്കുവാൻ ഷാപ്പുലേലക്കാരൻ കാണിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുന്നതായാൽ ടി. ടി. അപേക്ഷാഫാറം സബ്ബു് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർക്കു കിട്ടി കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ൧൦ ദിവസത്തിനകം.

COMMITTEE—RATIONING SCHEME

205. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any committee has been duly constituted to work the rationing scheme;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative where are they and their numbers;

(*c*) whether any such committees have met and recorded their decisions on any question of public importance during the period 1st Chingam 1119 to 30th Thulam 1119 inclusive and if so, will the Government be pleased to place those records on the Table for reference?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Town, Taluk and Village Food Advisory Committees have been formed for this purpose.

(*b*) They are in existence in the several parts of the State.

Taluk Committees	..	7
Town do.	..	5
Village do.	..	87

(*c*) The Village Committees have met often in various places and recorded their decisions. The correspondence is too voluminous to be placed on the Table. The other committees were constituted only very recently.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, with reference to answer to (*c*), may I know whether the recommendations of the Village Committees have gone any stage beyond correspondence.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The recommendations were considered and in some cases they have been accepted and in some cases they have not been accepted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can the House be supplied with information, Sir, on any one of the Village Committee's recommendations having been acted upon by the Government.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* For giving one instance!

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether any decision of the Committee has been acted upon at all.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* That is what I said, I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to publish these recommendations of the Committees, by the Town or Village Committees, for the information of the public.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There does not seem to be any necessity for publishing the recommendations. They are considered by the Department.

Mr A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The public are interested to know what the recommendations are; the public are interested in knowing what advice the gentlemen there in these Committees are giving. So, will the Government publish the recommendations and also whether the Government accept them or not.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Government do not think it necessary to publish them. They mostly concern matters of routine administration, and so it is not necessary to publish them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether any constructive suggestions to make the rationing system more efficient have been made by the Committees.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They have been giving suggestions for alterations in the system of distribution and issue. It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Such suggestions have neither been published, nor acted upon; then how are we to know what advice they are giving.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If it serves any useful purpose, then the question will be considered. It has not been so far found necessary.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Taluk Committee advised to issue wheat along with rice ration, and that rice ration will not be issued without wheat ration.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Advisory Council, the Food Advisory Council advised, and not the Village Committee.

M. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these 87 Village Committees continue to exist even today.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, certainly, all of them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the work they are engaged in, Sir?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They meet generally once a month and suggest improvements in the method of distribution if necessary and send a reasolution. It is considered and we give them replies wherever necessary.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are these resolutions published in the Gazette.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When did the Taluk Committees meet last.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Last month most of them have met

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When was the last meeing, how many months ago.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Last month.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Can we have the consolation that Government do read through the voluminous corresponence.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are all read and considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are the recommendations of the Village Committees forwarded to the Taluk Committees for reconsideration.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are not sent to the Taluk Committees. They are forwarded to the Assistant Supply Officer who send them to the Director.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May this House have the satisfacion, Sir, at that these recommendations of the Village Committees are at least recorded by the Government.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are considered and orders passed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Can those papers be placed on the table of this House the resolutions and the orders passed.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* I have answered the question.

Mr. President: That question is answered in print.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: സംഭരണ വിതരണ കാര്യങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള എല്ലാ സംഗതികളും താലൂക്ക് കമ്മിറ്റികൾക്കും വില്ലേജ് കമ്മിറ്റികൾക്കും മനസ്സിലാകത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽ അതിന്റെ എല്ലാ രേഖകളും പരിശോധിക്കുവാനുള്ള അധികാരം ആ കമ്മിറ്റികൾക്ക് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The committee have not been allowed to inspect the registers and accounts in the shop.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അതുകൂടാതെകണ്ട് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ രേഖകൾ പരിശോധിക്കുവാനുള്ള അധികാരം കൊടുക്കണമെന്ന വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether many of these village committees have not submitted proposals to the Government to check black-marketting.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If you make it more specific, I shall answer it.

Mr. Kumarn Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have any of these 87 committees, Sir, any one, I ask, submitted any proposal to annihilate black-marketting that is rampant in certain places.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, some of them may have suggested that black-marketting should be annihilated:

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My question, Sir, is whether they have suggested any method by which it can be annihilated.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* One method they have suggested is that they should have the right to inspect the shops and check the stock.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what action has been taken upon it by the Government.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* That suggestion was considered and found to be not possible to allow.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the present ration that is now in existence fixed under the advice of the Taluk or Village Committees?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Khan Sahib Ismail Haji Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government thinking to publish the proceedings of the committee hereafter ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I have answered the question. The Government do not think it necessary.

Mr. P. Kuamaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the other committees herein mentioned in answer to (c) were constituted only very recently. Can any one of their recommendations be given out, Sir, to the Council.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Diretor of Food Supplies):* I want notice. One suggestion is that rice and wheat ration should be given on alternate days.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* :Has this recommendation of the committee been acted upon, Sir?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It was not acted upon because the present system of successive issue of wheat or rice was necessary, otherwise people were not taking to dry grains sufficiently.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the rationale behind the order, that the total quantity of rice issued should be accomponied with wheat also.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*; You should eat wheat.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That is to popularise wheat and ask people to take sufficient quautity of diet to keep up their vitality.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has it come to notice that the daily rice ration has not been purchased by the poor because they have not got money enough for both.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not thought that it would cause any hardship.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: For every two units of rice sold, there must be half a unit of wheat also.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Only ¼ of the rice ration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: That is half a unit. For that money should be found. If they have no money even to purchase rice, what can they do. Has the Government thought of it.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What was the decision?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It was thought that it is necessary that people should buy these grains sufficiently.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the Government aware that people do not purchase the grains because they could not find money?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No such complaint has reached us.

Mr. Joseph Petta *(Adur)*: Is not wheat sold at a lower rate than rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it not a fact, Sir, that one of these Taluk Committees has not met yet?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, the committee in the Talappalli Taluk has not yet met for want of quorum. We tried twice and for want of quorum, it could not meet. All other committees have met.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has the Government enquired, Sir, why this particular committee has not been able to meet yet.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What, Sir, is the result of the inquiry, may we know?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The stage has not come to state the reason. Some members pleaded illness, some members pleaded urgent business elsewhere. So we want to scrutinise the reasons given by them for their non-attendance before we can give out the reason.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government take some remedy, Sir, by which this committee could meet as early as possible.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Why not dissolve the committee, Sir, and reconstitute the committee at once.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That can be considered only after going through the reasons why the members did not attend. Of course that will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are the Government aware, Sir, that on three occasions, the committee has not been able to meet.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Then what stands, Sir, in the way of the Government to dissolve the committee and reconstitute the committee at once, so that it may function.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The reason why they did not attend is being enquired into. For one meeting some members did not attend; for the next meeting, some others did not attend.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it because of any epidemic prevalent in the Taluk, Sir, that the members did not attend.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Not that I am aware of.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnankulam):* Will the Government be pleased to supply vehicles to members in the Talappalli Taluk who live 3 miles off Vadakkancheri.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Government have no such intention.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then I think it is better if the membership of the committee is restricted to members in Vadakkancheri alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have the committee reconstituted.

Khan Sahib Ismail Haji Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Is there a rule that weekly card holders should purchase their ration on any particular day of the week.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There was once. It was laid down that weekly card holders should be issued rice, as far as possible, on particular days, i. e., rice ration days, but that was found to be causing some difficulty and hardship. So that order has been cancelled and orders have been issued that they can be given rice ration on any day.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Adur):* Will the Government reduce the price of wheat still further, just to encourage people to eat more wheat?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It will be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If the daily rice ration card holder is unable to purchase his daily rice ration on a particular day, is there any objection to issue that rice to him the next day when he gets the money?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The existing rule is that daily card holders should buy the ration the very same day. There is no need to issue ration when the day for the ration is over. There is no necessity to issue ration for two days when the day for which the ration is intended is actually over.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question was whether today's ration that is not bought by the poor consumer who is unable to find money, cannot be issued together with that of tomorrow when he gets money for both; I want to know whether there is any objection to do that.

Mr. President: That question was answered by the Government spokesman. He said that there is objection.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: താലൂക്കകമ്മറ്റികളിലേയും വില്ലേജുകമ്മറ്റികളിലേയും അംഗങ്ങളെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത ആ കമ്മറ്റികളെ രൂപീകരിച്ചതു് ആരാണു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the objection to give the same quantity that is allowed for Monday, if he has not got the money on Monday, Tuesday.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The necessity for that day's ration is over. The day is over. The ration is meant for a particular day.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ആ അംഗങ്ങളെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ അവരുടെ ഏറ്റവും കുറഞ്ഞ യോഗ്യത ഇന്നതായിരിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വല്ല തീരുമാനവുമുണ്ടെന്നു് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to invite applications for membership in these committees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Have we not deteriorated Sir, to that low level.

206. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to give effect to the suggestion made on the floor of the House to constitute village "Rationing and Grain Purchase Committees" to work the food control and grain purchasing schemes; if so, when; if not, why not?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Food Advisory Committees have been constituted in each village on 28th October 1942. Grain Purchasing Committees have not been formed as they were not thought to be necessary.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know the reason why the Government thought it fit not to form Grain purchase Committees in the villages.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The object of the committee will only be to enlist the co-operation of the non-official public. The Grain purchasing Staff have instructions to seek the co-operation of the non-official gentlemen of the locality and to get their

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advice, the Government thought that it was not necessary to form committees. One difficulty is that if some cultivators had been appointed, as members of such a comittee some of them may happen to be the persons from whom the officers will have to purchase grains. Sometimes delicate situations may arise

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I take it, Sir, that the word 'village' refers only to the Panchayat area and not to village by village.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, only Panchayat area.

SCARCITY OF MILK

207. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of milk in rural areas ;

(*b*) whether they intend or propose to take any action in this matter to relieve the situation ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* My I know what steps the Government have taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We have addressed the Madras Government and the Government of India to give us a quota of cattle to relieve the situation here and some 12,000 sheep have been already arranged to be imported into the State from March onwards. Government also intend prohibiting the slaughter of milch cattle. We are also going to distribute free milk to poor people and expectant mothers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to sell the milk to people who want it.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are free supply made by the Red Cross and Government intended to distribute them freely.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Shall not the rich people also get milk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Government intend to purchase also. Then it will be sold.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware that the scarcity of milk is due to want of fodder?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* To a certain extent it is so.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to do something in that direction?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to legislate that cattle should not be killed for another three years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Of course that question will be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware that buffaloes and cows from Pollachi were being freely taken to Mattancheri for the supply of milk?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Not now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In other words since the main source of supply of milk to Mattancheri is by the bringing of cattle from Pollachi and since it has now been stopped may I know what steps have been taken to relieve the distress in Mattancheri?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We have approached the Madras Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What steps have been taken to bring some cattle from Pollachi to Mattancheri?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We have addressed the Madras Government to lift the ban and permit us to import the requisite number of cattle to meet our requirement.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* At what stage the matter stands at present?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government) :* Even last week we addressed a strong letter to the Government requesting that they should render all possible help in getting this ban removed because it has been proved that the real difficulty for this scarcity of milk is due to the ban of export from neighbouring provinces and districts. So to remove that we have addressed the Government of India and the Government hope that something will be done.

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